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Dear Tom,

Your letter of the first and its enclosures arrived as a wedding-anniverary present, our 53rd, and I do thank you for them. I have found both useful and informative.

While Mrs. Boggs did not use the words I'd been told she used, they were in the ballpark. Whatever Hale told her she understated about his questions and doubts what one member of the Warren Commission told me about them and he and another left records reflecting. For example, Senator Russell told me that Senator Cooper was as firmly opposed to agreeing with the single-bullet theory as he was and that Boggs was to a lesser degree. Cooper went out of his way at least two times to make and leave a record of this. Once at least was in correcspondence and once in an oral history.

If as the board indicated it would you follow up on some of what you were told about in New Orleans you'll have trouble finding enough wheels to spin.

What was legitimate, albeit with special angling in some instances, should not have been new to the board.

If I recall correctly, Connick had been in the New Orleans United States attorney's office. Yet he offered no information about the relevant records it had. Some of the disclosed FBI records reflect that it had Garrison interests and records. Indeed, it had only copies of some Garrison assassination records obtained by the FBI, which had sources if not also informants inside Garrison's office. There was quite a quiet flap when Garrison's office needed them!

The FBI had and to the best of my knowledge still withholds Shaw and Ferrie records it lied about in my CA 78-0420 in which it disclosed their existence. Aside from Shaw's sexual preferences his CIA connections have been known beginning with my Oswald in New Orleans, which in 1967 did report them. (I did not refer to Shaw's known sado-massochism on which I had solid sources and to his credit, Garrison also did not. Aside from the whips and chains reported by the newspapers from the return on the search warrant filed with the court, not from any Garrison leak, his investigators got other proofs never mentioned in public. I also had several other sources that were solid.)

With regard to Kurtz's claim to have seen Oswald and Banister together, that is something he did not tell the FBI when Oswald was arrested. It is not in the New Orleans file on the assassination disclosed to me in CA 78-0420. Nor was the FBI's record that it disclosed elsewhere on Shaw's sado-massochism. That one reflects the existence of other undisclosed records.

Again thanks,

Harold

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